

prior to the filing date of U.S. Patent No. 5,291,730 to Wu). The sketch is a top plan view of a plate of a master chain link embodying the claimed invention. The illustrated plate of the master chain link includes an aperture having a narrow circular portion, a wide circular portion, and an elongated slot connecting the narrow circular portion to the wide circular portion. The narrow circular portion has a countersink formed therein for receiving and substantially concealing the head of a pin attached to an opposing plate. The elongated slot permits movement of the pin head between the narrow circular portion and the wide circular portion. The right end of the illustrated plate (as viewed in the sketch) forms an extension for preventing movement of the pin head from the narrow circular portion to the wide curvilinear portion (i.e., preventing disengagement) without rotating the chain link out of line relative to an adjacent interconnected roller link.

The billing invoice dated June 3, 1993, illustrates that the master chain link embodying the claimed invention was actually reduced to practice at least as early as June 3, 1993. The master chain link was actually delivered two to three weeks prior to June 3, 1993. The manufacturer (VANART ENGINEERING COMPANY) used the blueprint dated April 30, 1993, to produce the master chain link. As evidenced by the short lapse of time between the time just prior to January 12, 1993, and the aforementioned date of actual reduction to practice (at least as early as June 3, 1993), I worked diligently in the completion of the claimed

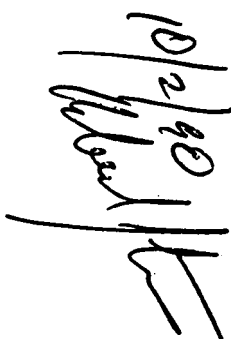
invention from the time just prior January 12, 1993, to the date of actual reduction to practice.

4. In view of the sketch, the production blueprint, and the billing invoice, there was conception of the claimed invention prior to January 12, 1993, coupled with due diligence from prior to said date to a subsequent actual reduction to practice.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


Robert J. Lickton

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Date



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RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS 60305	
QTY: 5 X	APPROVED BY:
QTY: 6-8-90	
MATERIAL: SAE 1095 COLD ROLLED ANNEALED	
SPRING STEEL #20GAGE (0351.001)	
NOTE: CONNECTING LINK.	
DRAWN BY: F.J.C.	REVISID
DRAWING NUMBER	
TD-21-0002	

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VANART ENGINEERING COMPANY

DESIGNING • EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT • MANUFACTURING
TOOLS • DIES • FIXTURES • METAL STAMPINGS
FROM IDEA TO COMPLETED PRODUCT

INVOICE No. 54873

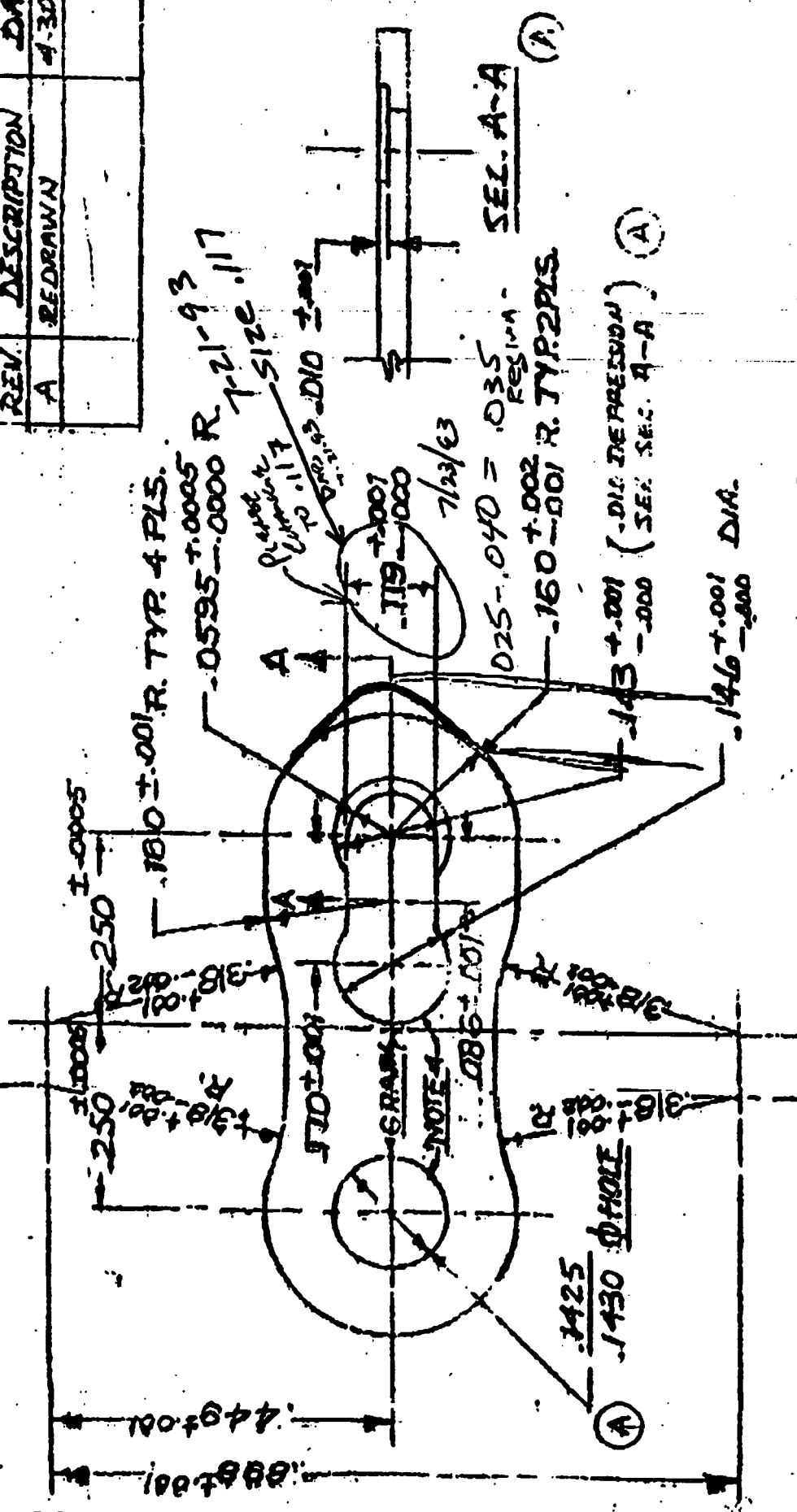
Sold to ATTN: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
LICKTON'S CYCLE CITY
310 LAKE ST
OAK PARK IL 60302

Delivered to
SAME

DATE June 3, 1993		YOUR ORDER NO. VERBAL BOB LICKTON		OUR ORDER NO.		TOOLING . . . NET 30 DAYS TERMS: Production 1% 10 days; net 30	
QUANTITY		DESCRIPTION				PRICE	TOTAL
500 pcs.		PART#TD-16-0002 CONNECTING LINK					
		CHANGE TOOLING TO COIN .010 CHAMFER AND HOLE DIA.:					\$480.00
		STAMP SUPER LINK 111:					150.00
		CONNECTING LINKS				\$73.50/M	\$ 36.75
							
		ONE CARTON					
		TOTAL:					\$666.75
ORDER COMPLETE		THANK YOU					

UNANET STAMPING DRAWINGS

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- NOTES:
1. ALL PERIPHERAL AND HOLE EDGES MUST BE FREE OF SHARP EDGES AND BURRS.
 2. ALL RADIUS MUST BLEND.
 3. THE MATERIAL GRAIN MUST RUN AS INDICATED.
 4. THESE HOLE EDGES MUST BE FREE OF ALL BURRS AND ROUGH SURFACES.

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